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FROZEN COOKED DICED CHICKEN, INVITATION NO. 18 ANNOUNCEMENT PY-249

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell frozen cooked diced chicken meat produced from fowl as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, April 1. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, April 5. Deliveries are to be made from May 16 to May 31.

As announced by the Department on August 27, 2001, purchases of diced chicken produced from light fowl meat will continue to help alleviate economic pressures experienced by producers and bring supplies more in balance with market demand. Product must be produced under the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated July 1999, as amended; **however, the diced chicken must be produced from light fowl (4.5 pounds or less) meat.**

Offers are invited from the trade for frozen cooked diced chicken meat, produced from ready-to-cook fowl (a class of mature female chickens), packed in four 10-pound (4.54 kg) packages to a net weight of 40 pounds (18.14 kg) in each shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-249, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated July 1999, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-249, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY249
INVITATION : 018
COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN
COMM TYPE : 21 CHICKEN, DICED, FROZEN
PACK SIZE : 40 40 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 05/16/02 - 05/31/02

001	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
002	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
003	VINELAND	NJ		40,000
004	MACON	GA	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
	SAVANNAH	GA	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
005	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	26,000
	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	14,000
006	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
007	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
	ROCKFORD	IL	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
008	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
009	TOLEDO	OH	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
010	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	48,000
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	32,000
011	AUSTIN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
012	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
013	MCALLEN	TX	TRUCK ONLY	40,000

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014	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
015	LOS ANGELES/FAS	CA	TRUCK ONLY	40,000
016	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	120,000
017	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	20,000
	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	20,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 800,000

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 800,000

Catherine V. Smith
Contracting Officer

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